

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please insert the following paragraph after page 9, line 20:**

Figs. 6A and 6B illustrate explanatory views showing the procedure of inserting a plug of the connector into a socket to connect corresponding to Fig. 2A and Fig. 2B, respectively, and further detail the distance between a plug contacting portion of the stopper and a plug contacting portion of a seal ring, and the distance between an initial stopper contacting portion of the plug and an initial seal ring contacting portion on a radius portion of the plug between a flat portion and a taper portion.

**Please insert the following paragraphs after page 15, line 7:**

Fig. 6A further illustrates the details of Fig. 2A by denoting a first distance (A) between the plug 20 contacting portion of the stopper 60 and the plug 20 contacting portion of the seal ring 50. Another distance (B) is denoted between an initial stopper 60 contacting portion of the plug 20 and the initial seal ring 50 contacting portion on the radius portion 27.

Fig. 6B further illustrates the details of Fig. 2B when the first distance (A) between the plug 20 contacting portion of the stopper 60 and a plug 20 contacting portion of the seal ring 50 is equal to the other distance (B) between an initial stopper 60 contacting portion of the plug 20 and an initial seal ring 50 contacting portion on the radius portion 27.